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## Muzzling The Military

My Symbol is THE AMERICAN EAGLE. I stand for FREEDOM-for AMERICA-First, Last, and Always. I can neither be BOUGHT nor SOLD. - General Walker

An address made at Dallas, Texas Dec. 12, by General Edwin A. Walker.

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It is with great pride and a feeling of inadequacy that I stand before this tremendous audience-except-I am a Texan, and no Texan has ever been inadequate. Travis at the Alamo established our tradition, symbol and courage. As I stand before you, I have stood 30 years beside your sons in uniform-with grave and serious responsibilities to them and to our nation. While you have prayed for them, I too have prayed for Divine guidance to give them the leadership they deserved. No man in service has felt more deeply or been more gravely concerned for their lives and their training. When I look at this audience, I see it tonight and may always—as the responsible parents, relatives and veterans of a great nation of fighting men-with the courage to live and

The homes—your homes—homes of sons and soldiers are to me the greatest and most sacred homes on earth. They are the backbone of the strength and courage in our armed forces, they are our way of life and our sovereignty; they are the power and the strength of our people and our nation.

From Lieutenant to General — I have been asked—what is the key to success of a commander. I lived with, and by, one answer: my complete faith in the American soldier. I revere the ground he walks on and his cause is forever sacred. I have seen him in combat with a bayonet and bloody. I have seen him in a great artillery team firing 22,000 rounds for 14 consecutive days, bleary-eyed and deaf from the shock and concussion of his own guns. I have led him twice in the middle of the night, in stealth on to foreign shores—rubber-boat landings from ships at sea. These are the men of America in their magnificence—in the glory of their greatest sacrifice—and in the hands of our Savior.

I am glad for the opportunity to tell you that in your home and community is the strength and courage of your sons—and your daughters, that comes only from the love and confidence of Christian, free Ameri-

I call on you tonight to go with me further—not as a matter of curious or idle interest, but in the dedicated spirit of my own heart and soul—dedicated to duty—honor - country—the same as it has been for 34 years—including those four at the United States Military Academy. In this spirit, I ponder and reflect on our national crisis and my responsibilities to our great land and to the men standing on our frontiers to defend it. I would rest easily if I knew they were fully prepared and supported—but they are not—as we are not.

On one November I joined all patriots in civilian service—the supporting and reserve strength of our nation. I can assure you



General Edwin A. Walker

that it is to take an active part with you in Texas and 49 other states—in the active soldier's cause on every frontier—from the local church and school to the training of troops in Berlin.

The honor accorded me by your state delegation tonight—I accept with humility and deep gratitude. I thank you for these honors and for the gracious welcome extended this day and evening. It is with enthusiasm and gratification that I discover in my native state the cause I have searched for, for ten long years. I find here the spirit of courage—not fear; the spirit of the Alamo and of Victory as at San Jacinto.

Tonight I stand alone before you as Edwin A. Walker. I have been charged with nothing. I have been found guilty of nothing. I have been punished for nothing. I have no grievances or regrets. Our hope is in the future, not the past. It is in the attack for he defense. My symbol is the American Eagle. I stand for freedom-for Americafirst, last, and always. I am a free man. I can neither be bought nor sold. I am proud to have served this nation in uniform and with its great soldiers. I am no longer a soldier. I am a civilian and proud to be "Mr." with all the freedom and rights of citizenship. In or out of uniform, the cause and responsibilities for our survival are the same. I welcome the opportunity to stand before you as a symbol of the capability to coordinate the inspired and un-challengeable power of the people with the strength of our military forces. Such unity of purpose and spirit would cause an immediate capitulation of reds and pinks from Dallas to Moscow to Peking.

The change in my position from officer to civilian may be unusual. I resigned, giving up all emoluments and benefits instead of

retiring. This I did in order to be free and uncensored. It is my own making. I resigned after being assigned by the Army to Assistant Chief of Staff for Training and Operations in the U. S. Army Headquarters of the Pacific. This is a highly responsible and extensive training assignment over troops throughout the Pacific area. It could be no other than a recognition of my successful experience and capability in training. By this assignment, the Walker Case was closed. It is in line with enemy propaganda to try to keep the Case open. But the Army's action itself has closed the case. I am an expert on training by their hand and a free man by my own hand.

I was not able to continue in the military, service with a General's command responsibility, since I could make no compromise with the oath of office after censorship had prevented me from giving my troops the training that I was responsible for.

Every officer in the military service and every governmental office has taken an oath of office to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign or domestic. This oath has too often been altered in practice—and distorted in meaning.

The oath is sworn to God. It is an individual covenant with God. Anyone not believing in the Supreme Being has falsified his signature and has falsified the written words of allegiance to the Constitution of this country. He has degraded himself, his country and his veracity.

The oath swears allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, the basic document for which we fight and the basic document of this government as a Republic under the overall sovereignty of the Savior of men.

Through sworn allegiance to the Constitution, we are sworn to be for Americawe are not sworn to any man. Our oath is made to God for America—to defend her against all enemies. We have sworn no allegiance to any international body or organization and there is no allowance for any release of our sovereignty since the Constitution provides for none. Our oath applies to full sovereignty in America as provided in the Constitution. It provides for freedom of religion and worship. Today our relation and subordination to the United Nations puts every man signing the oath under a double standard. We are sworn to defend America but have to abide by UN decisions. Under these conditions, the oath becomes falsified and fictitious. I could no longer serve in uniform and be a collaborator with this release of our sovereignty to the UN.

I was sworn to defend this country against all enemies, foreign and domestic. To do this as a commander, requires under oath that I train every soldier to understand and oppose every enemy of America. I know our

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